	2003-2004	2004-2005
(iii) Average pre-berthing detention on Port account (in hours)	4.86	6.04

Average per-berthing has slightly increased mainly because of increase in the pre-berthing detention at Haldia, Mumbai, Jawarlal Nehru and Kandla Ports. This is attributable mainly to increase in average parcel size and marked increase in number of ships calling at ports. The cargo handling capacity at none of the major ports decreased during 2004-2005. The overall cargo handling capacity at these ports increased approximately to 398 million tonnes as on 31.3.2005 from 390 million tonnes on 31.3.2004.

Consumption of more fuel due to poor roads

5380. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that excess diesel is being consumed by trucks passing through Bihar because of damaged National highways;

(b) if so, details of the damaged highways; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to relay the damaged highways and by which time the highways would be relaid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The Ministry has not received any report regarding excess consumption of diesel by trucks passing through Bihar because of damaged National Highways.

(b) and (c) Improvement and maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process and the improvement works are sanctioned based on the availability of funds and *inter-se* priority. A total of 719 km of length of National Highways No. 2,28,57 and 31 is being upgraded to four lane divided carriageway under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase I & II as a part of Golden Quadrilateral and East West Corridor.

Besides, an aggregate length of 890 km on various stretches of National Highways in Bihar has been identified for up-gradation under National Highway Development Programme (NHDP) Phase III to be implemented by National Highways Authority of India. During the last five years, improvement works in a total road length of about 1949 km has been sanctioned on different stretches of National Highways in Bihar, out of which 1573 km have been completed so far under non-NHDP Further, an amount of Rs.101.94 Crores has been proposed for improvement works on National Highways in Bihar during the current financial year 2005-2006.

North-South and East-West highway corridor

5381. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to rework the North-South and East-West National highway corridors;

(b) if so, the details of the action plan;

(c) would this not add to further delay in execution of the projects;

(d) if so, the action plan of Government to minimize such delays; and

(e) the status of completion of National Highways in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) The status of the NHDP (Phase I & II) projects in the State of Orissa is as under: